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PATENT



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| Inventor: | Patent Application of | : |
| | Ekkehardt Schäfer <i>et al.</i> | : Attention Box Missing Parts |
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS
OF APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED**

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted, mailed November 5, 1999, submitted herewith is an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-identified application.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted and a signed Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity Status - Small Business Concern.

The filing fee, which was not authorized or paid at the time of filing of this patent application, has been calculated as shown below:

| | | | SMALL ENTITY | | | LARGE ENTITY | |
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| CLAIMS | NO. FILED | NO. EXTRA | BASIC FEE: | | | BASIC FEE: | |
| | | | \$380.00 | | | \$760.00 | |
| Total | 10-20 = | | X9 | \$ | OR | X18 | \$ |
| Independent | 1- 3= | | X39 | \$ | OR | X78 | \$ |
| Multiple Dependent Claims Present | | | \$130 | \$ | OR | \$260 | \$ |
| | | | TOTAL | \$380.00 | OR | TOTAL | \$ |

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees, any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (Billing No. 208934.0056). One additional copy of this sheet is enclosed.

- ☒ The above calculated filing fee of \$380.00.
- ☒ The surcharge of \$65.00 for the late filing of the Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ Any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or §1.17.
- ☒ If the filing of any paper during the prosecution of this application requires an extension of time in order for the paper to be timely filed, applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for the appropriate extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a).

Respectfully submitted,

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